

NAVAL COURT OF INQUIRY HARD AT WORK

Investigation Now on at Key West -- Going Back to Havana.

\$20,000,000 FOR NEW U. S. WARSHIPS

The Government Will Buy Battleships to the Limit if They Are Needed.

Excitement Appears to be Subsiding--All Waiting to Hear the Result of the Investigation--Present Belief at Havana.

Washington Feb 28--There is also no information at the navy department as to whether or not the Maine inquiry will return to Havana from Key West when it will finish its work.

At noon today court adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Motion in different cases will be heard in the forenoon and in the afternoon the Edwards case will be resumed. The only entries on the docket today were as follows:

Annie Diehl vs David Garver, administrator, appeal from county court. Motion by defendant for new trial.

John Edwards, by his next friend, Charles J. Edwards vs Decatur Cereal Mill Company, corporation, trespass on the case. Trial by jury.

Took in \$50. The social and ball given by Golden Crown Camp No. 1 at Grand Army hall last night attracted a large crowd and the party was a pronounced success, the receipts aggregating about \$50. The music was by the Woodmen orchestra. The musicians donated their services. The ladies in charge were Mrs. J. Frank Jones, Mrs. J. W. Shoemaker, Mrs. M. C. Richards, Mrs. John T. Lloyd, Mrs. George A. Newman, Mrs. Vaughn B. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Burris, Mrs. Will Richards, Mrs. J. H. Bousie, Mrs. F. B. Eastery and Mrs. John Goddard.

Pound Party for Mrs. Woodford. The members of the senior C. B. society of the First M. E. church and a number of the other members of the church gave a pound party to Mrs. N. W. Woodford of North Howard street last evening. The affair was arranged as a surprise for Mrs. Woodford who is the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Decatur has been located at Benton Harbor, Mich., since leaving here, but is quite ill at present and unable to attend to his duties. He is expected to arrive home on Sunday and will remain until his health is improved.

Life on a Fruit Farm. Earl Bartholomew writes to his father from San Jose that he has found an ideal existence in life on a fruit farm in Calif. He has not yet taken formal possession of the farm, which he has contracted for but expects to be settled by the fifth of next month and enjoying fruit farming in all its different lines and phases.

Lenten Facts. That you are permitted to eat the following: Fresh Trout, White, Red Snapper, Black Bass, Crabs, Cat, Smelt, Codfish, Blue Fish, Scallops, Pickled, Buffalo, Boned Herring, last but not least those delicious, Blue Point Shell Oysters, all of which can be had for the asking of Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel. 344, old and new--2nd 1w.

To Change the Time. The members of the Sunday school of the First Methodist church are considering changing their hour of meeting from Sunday morning to Sunday afternoon.

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The Dumb Pilot of Unst.

BY W. BERT FOSTER.

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PART I.

On the side of the little headland—a "nose" of rock from the summit of which a clear view of the western horizon is to be had, with no intervening islands or scraps of reef—stands a tiny cottage built of rugged gray stone and with its turf roof fallen in. It is a vantage point, this situation, for though the cot is well sheltered by the higher portion of the nose, it is but a step to the summit, from which the outlook is unsurpassed. No ship can come within sight of the west coast without being quickly spied from this point, and this is of moment when one considers that most of the men thereabout claim to be pilots and there is great competition between them for every vessel that comes nigh the island. In the old days they were wreckers, so the nose has always been a site to be coveted.

Despite its value as a place of abode, however, the cottage has been untenanted and the headland deserted for years. In all the Island of Unst, and in Yell, for that matter, not a man is there who would occupy the old cottage or rebuild upon its site. It was the property of Donald Fram, known far and wide among the Shetlands as "the dumb pilot of Unst," and although the dumb pilot has been dead these twenty years, the fear of him still lies cold upon the hearts of the Shetland men.

They are a superstitious people, these Shetlanders, rude of speech and uncouth, but hardy and physically brave as are all dwellers upon the islands of the black North Sea. But it is whisper that, on stormy nights, the wraith of Donald Fram walks on the rocky headland, and gold would not tempt the bravest to visit the place of the haunt. It is said, too, that a ship always goes down upon the Black Reef at the entrance of the gut between Unst and Yell when the restless spirit of the Dumb Pilot walks abroad.

The Black Reef is the wickedest spur of rock about the islands, and there is no hope for either ship or crew if once the current which sets in about it seizes the unwary craft. Never was there but one man who saw a vessel go to pieces beneath him on Black Reef and came again to land, and that was the Dumb Pilot himself. All the old, madogony-faced longshoremen know the tale and are ready to tell it, too, at the slightest provocation.

Donald Fram came of a long line of Viking folk. He was of that mixture of Norwegian and Scottish blood that made the man as rugged as the rocks of his own island of Unst, and with passions as fierce and uncontrolled as the sea which beats upon them. His father and father's father had lived before him in the cottage on the headland, and, between fishing seasons, had striven to cultivate the barren farm about it. But, like the other men of Unst, most of their livelihood came from the sea.

Not so long before Donald Fram's time a storm was the signal for the gathering of those ghoul-like figures upon the rocks to spy out for vessels in distress. And when the signal rockets were displayed, some one would drive a sluggish little pony, with a lantern tied to its girth, along the rough shore, that the helpless seamen might see and believe a sister ship was there in safe anchorage. Then, when the rocks were beneath their keel and it was too late, they would see their error—and God help them!—curse, as they sank, the wreckers who had brought about their undoing.

When daylight came, men, women and children thronged the shore and saved what they could from the wreck. But if any men had come ashore during the night they were dead. . . . The coast guard system has stopped all that now, and the people of Unst and Yell are poorer and more miserable than they were.

Donald Fram knew the channels and fords of the Shetlands as one of the shaggy little ponies of the islands knows its home paddock. Every point of rock, every reef and current, each narrow passage between the bits of islands, was marked upon the chart of his brain. He knew the exact depth of water on every bar and the outline of every treacherous reef. At thirty he was the best pilot in Unst, if not in the whole of Shetland.

Early in the century, although wrecking was not commonly practiced, there were yet wild doings about the Shetlands. The coast guard was weak in numbers and inefficient in discipline, especially about Yell and Unst, and the smaller islands in the north. Many a hidden anchorage became a smugglers' rendezvous and the eyes of the home government began to be opened to the sort of gentry who frequented the islands.

Naturally ships of any considerable tonnage could not bring dutiable goods into the ports of either Scotland or England and land them without being quickly apprehended. But at several points in the Shetlands the foreign ships could quite safely discharge their cargoes which were distributed among their friends in small sailing craft ("luggers" they were called) and "run in" with little danger, to Lerwick on the mainland, or the Scotch ports of Cromarty and Peterhead, and even as far south as Edinburgh itself.

There was a general free-masonry

among the smugglers and not a few of the islanders were in their employ in one small way or another. The better and more respectable men—men who held license papers from the government as pilots—seldom were seduced by the outlawry, for, having once been in the employ of the authorities, they were never again considered entirely trustworthy by the free duty men. Many were the accidents and narrow escapes, therefore, endured by the smugglers because of inefficient pilots; but they were a godless, reckless lot, and peril by darkness and storm was the least of their many dangers.

Donald Fram was one of these licensed pilots, and, though there were many tales of bold work in the past generations in which the Fram had a hand, Donald was a quiet, abiding body and was well-known to be friendly with the coast-guard and had more than once piloted the government vessel which occasionally cruised in those waters to strike terror to the hearts of the free duty men.

Beside, Donald had but recently been wed, and the young wife possessed a deal of influence over the rough pilot. She was a brave, bonny girl, was Jeannie Fram, and well deserved the worship Donald gave her. He was her hero and in her eyes could do no wrong; and it is a great truth that what a good woman thinks a man is, that he will be if he has a spark of manhood in his soul.

But there came a bad season to Unst, a season of blight on the poor crops and a time when even the sea would not give her fruit. The sea, though it treated the men of Unst roughly enough, seldom refused to repay their arduous toil by a goodly harvest; but this year the nets were drawn almost empty. The fish seemed to have shunned the Shetlands as though some marine plague had broken out among the finny tribe in those waters. Want did not alone come to the humble cottage on the head, but it was as hard to bear as though the neighbors were not suffering in like manner. Donald Fram clenched his strong hands as he sat in the chimney corner and glowered sulkily into the turf fire.

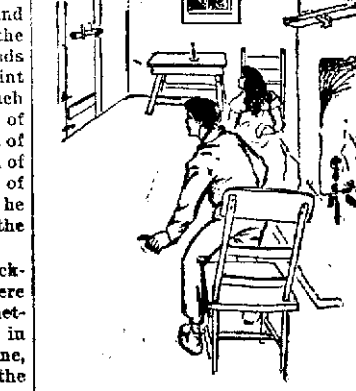
Could those strong hands have seized the throat of Fate, they would have choked her for her cruelty. As for himself, he cared not; but Jeannie— Just a piece of a loaf in the house on this bitter night, and no chance at the fish in the morning, for Black Reef was raging even now, and that meant a breeze on the narrow that would drive the schools out to sea. How long could two people keep alive on that loaf? And Jeannie needed more nourishing food now, and there would be another mouth to feed shortly. Donald Fram felt as many a strong man has felt in the light of a similar position. He could have cursed God and died.

He could not bear to speak to the little woman he loved so passionately; he could scarcely look at her. And yet, brave heart that she was—she sat upon the opposite side of the hearth knitting a bit shoe and softly crooning the lullaby that she hoped, perhaps, to sing ere long to its wearer. Ah, a woman's heart—who knows its depth? Her cheerfulness kept Donald from becoming quite mad.

The moaning of the reef grew louder as the evening advanced and the whistling wind and sullenly roaring surf drowned all lesser sounds. The clattering of feet upon the rocky path leading to the cottage door was not heeded by its inmates, and when a sharp rap came upon the panel it startled them. Jeannie uttered a little cry and dropped her work. Donald half rose from his seat.

"Who's there?" he cried.

Instantly the latch was lifted and the door flung open. A man—a stern-browed, dark-faced man wrapped in a



"WHO'S THERE?" HE CRIED.

cloak—entered unceremoniously and kicked the door shut behind him.

"Are you Donald Fram, the pilot?" he demanded, in a harsh voice.

"I am," replied Donald, coming a little forward.

"You are the best pilot in these waters, they tell me," said the stranger, standing without removing his hat and with the water dripping from his cloak.

"My name's Fram," said the Shetlander. "We have always been pilots."

The man growled out something in a foreign tongue. "One other matter," he said. "Can you keep your mouth shut?" The pilot looked at him questioningly. "I mean," said the other, "can you hold your tongue if you are paid well for it?"

Donald looked at him and said nothing. Jeannie crept to his side and took one of his hands in hers.

"I see you are cautious, pilot," said the stranger, his thin lips curling slightly. "Perhaps this will help thee decide." He drew a great bag of clinking gold from beneath his cloak, and counting out five broad pieces set them in a row upon the rough table. They would have bought the cottage and all it contained, and Donald gasped.

"Those shall be thine, and many more when the work's done," said the stranger.

"What—what is it?" demanded the



"THOSE SHALL BE THINE," SAID THE STRANGER.

pilot, hoarsely, his eyes feasting upon the gold.

"Can you take my ship through the gut to Fetlar or the Sherries this night?" asked the man in return.

"Why not by the way of Lamba Ness?" suggested the pilot, and then he stopped. He remembered that the government vessel was only that day reported as lurking about to the north of Unst on the watch for one of the boldest of the smugglers who then made the Shetlands their headquarters.

"I see you know why not, Senior Pilot," said the stranger, a dark smile wreathing his lips. "Now your answer." TO BE CONTINUED.

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Jessie G. Nicollet and Miss Lula Burt, both of Champaign county, were married recently in New Orleans. Mr. Nicollet is the bicycle man of Champaign. The wedding was a surprise to their friends.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Knitersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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Although Shakespeare was not a book-er he furnished a great many stock quotations.

The will of Mrs. Floriana Bowers of Pekin leaves the bulk of her property to the educational societies of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, the income to be devoted to helping Tazewell and Peoria county young men who are studying for the ministry.

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WEATHER.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, with prob-
ably light snow flurries tonight; variable
winds.

The Rot of Demagogues.

While the symposium of political false-
hoods and appeals to passion which the
chairman of the Democratic, Populist and
"Silver Republican" parties have recent-
ly placed before the public is difficult to
consider logically because of the vagueness
of their assertions, there are some
statements mingled with the wholesale
strife which may be examined and their
falsity shown. "False in one, false in
all" is an aphorism well known, at least
in the legal world, and as these three gen-
tlemen profess to be lawyers (not finan-
ciers), they will, perhaps, understand its
bearing, and the fact, which must be ap-
parent to all other minds, that if their
specific assertions are proven untrue, the
more vague and, consequently, more dan-
gerous ones are equally unworthy of be-
lief or consideration.

Chairman Jones, Democrat, who dis-
cusses finance out of the fullness of his
experience as a resident of an Arkansas
village of 500 inhabitants, asserts that
under the gold standard of the past 24
years, "wages are reduced, work is hard-
er to get, and the weight of debt is dou-
bled." Of course Mr. Jones knows that
this is not true. The statistics of the
census show a wonderful increase in the
number of people employed in 1890 as
compared with 1880 or 1870, an increase
of much greater proportion than the
growth of population meantime, and the
report of a special committee of the sen-
ate of which Mr. Jones is a member—the
Aldrich committee—whose report is gen-
erally accepted as accurate, shows that
labor in 1892 received better wages than
it did in 1872, while as for indebtedness,
everybody, Mr. Jones not excepted,
knows how rapidly that is being cancelled
under the prosperity which has come with
the return to a protective tariff. He also
talks about "The continued rise in the
value of gold." What is the true measure
of the value of gold? Labor, which is
the real measure of all values. An hour
of labor now commands much more of
our money based upon gold than it did in
1872, and Mr. Jones knows it, knows
that the reports of the commissioner of
labor and of the Aldrich committee prove
it beyond a doubt. Yet he thinks that
the farmer or laboring man who has not
the opportunity to study these things in
detail does not know it, and one man's
vote counts for as much as any other
man's vote. He also remarks that this
alleged "rise in the value of gold, or,
what is the same thing, the continued fall
of prices, must transfer the property of
all those engaged in active business to
those who only draw interest;" a curious
assertion, when he knows that those who
"only draw interest" receive less for the
use of their money today than ever before,
the rate of interest having fallen fully
one-half since the adoption of the system
which he charges with so much crime.

"From the hour of the consummation of
this crime," he says, "mankind has suf-
fered commercial disaster and social dis-
tress in almost constantly recurring mea-
sures," yet he knows that the increase of
prosperity, of wealth, of commerce, of ag-
riculture, of manufacturing, of employ-
ment, of wages and of the enjoyment of
comforts and luxuries among all classes
has been greater in this country, as
shown by official statistics in the past 20
years, than in any other period of its his-
tory—omitting from consideration the
three years in which the people suffered
under the low tariff law which he helped
to frame, and in support of which he
does not utter a single word. He also
talks wildly about the "repression of life
and happiness which is inseparable from
a long course of declining prices," when
he knows that no period in the history of
the country saw greater progress in em-
ployment or earnings or reduction in
prices of articles which labor must pur-
chase than the period between 1873 and

the adoption of his low tariff law, which
paralyzed industries and "repressed labor
and the happiness" of those who were
profitably employed before its adoption.

Chairman Butler, Populist, whose life
in a North Carolina village of 250 inhabi-
tants has given him a wide experience in
finance, makes up his address of such
choice terms as "conspiracy," "stealthy
processes," "divine right of millionaires,"
"trusts," "syndicates," "monopolies,"
"tyrannous spoliation," "Industrial slav-
ery" and "sordid wealth" and does not
utter a single definite statement upon
which to base his charges, carefully omit-
ting to mention the fact that the "indus-
trial slavery and widespread poverty" to
which he alludes came under the tariff
legislation of the party with which he
now urges co-operation, or the fact that
he makes his appeal in the interest of the
greatest and most impudent trust, com-
posed of millionaire silver mine owners,
that ever attempted to control legislation.

"Chairman" Towne, Silver Republi-
can, who found no fault with the policy
of the Republican party as long as it was
willing to keep him in office, now urges
co-operation with the two parties whose
policy he then denounced and attacks the
party with which he then co-operated as
"conspirators," with whom honest men
should no longer co-operate. He is equal-
ly careful not to make a single definite
assertion as a basis for a reply to his ap-
peals to prejudice and passion. He only
urges others who co-operated with the Re-
publican party during the 30 years in
which it brought unexampled prosperity
to the country to now join him in co-op-
erating with that party whose lack of pa-
triotism he formerly denounced and
whose principles he respected as danger-
ous until he saw in it the only hope of
restoration to the public crib.

It is a curious combination, these men
who with sundry others of their class are
now howling about wealth, corporations
and trusts and syndicates—Jones, the
head of a great cotton-baling corporation;
Stewart, a millionaire and member of the
silver trust; Warner, owner of a gold
mine and a man of wealth; Teller, rep-
uted owner of a silver mine and other cor-
poration interests; Butler, head of a cor-
poration which publishes a newspaper
which he describes as having a larger cir-
culation than any other paper in his
state; Altgeld, a wealthy man who com-
pels his tenants to agree to pay their rent
in gold; Bryan and Towne, servants of
the silver trust; and numerous others
equally identified with that greatest or-
ganization of wealth. And for what pur-
pose? To get themselves and their friends
re-elected to office, and to serve the inter-
ests of this monster combination of cap-
italists who are seeking through these
very men to destroy the financial system
of the United States, for selfish purposes.

It is an ill bird that befools its own
nest. The men who make this attack
upon the institutions of their country and
seek to stir up prejudice and passion by
false statements about suffering, and
want, and oppression of labor, know that
no country in the world has prospered as
has the United States since the adoption
of the system of which they complain,
and that the condition of the people here
is vastly superior to that of the citizens of
those countries which have the system
which they are urging upon the people of
the United States. Mr. Jones and Mr.
Butler know that their own section is
now developing new industries as it never
did before and Mr. Towne knows that the
people of his section are rapidly paying
off the debts accumulated during the rule
of the party which he then denounced but
with which he now seeks co-operation.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he
is the senior partner of the firm of F. J.
CHENEY & CO., doing business in the
city of Toledo, county and state afore-
said, and that said firm will pay the
sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
for each and every case of Catarrh that
cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S
CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed
in my presence, this 6th day of Decem-
ber, 1898.

A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken interna-
lly and acts directly on the blood and
mucous surfaces of the system. Send
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F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

It never rains between the first and sec-
ond catarrhs of the Nile.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1896.

Messrs. ELY BROS.—I have used Ely's
Crema Palm a number of years and find
it works like a charm. It has cured me
of the most obstinate case of cold in the
head in less than 48 hours from the time
I felt the cold coming on. I would not
be without it. Respectfully yours,
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Crema Palm is kept by all druggists.
Full size 50c. Trial size 10 cents. We
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ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

PARKE & SON
SEWER PIPE
TILE
DECATUR ILL.
CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

CUBAN QUESTION

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the question of his personality. Only
a person could do the things attributed to
Christ. Mind is not the property of force
or law, or principle, but of personality.
He thinks of us, cares for us and loves us
personally. His love and kindness is ad-
ministered as the sun shines—generally
and indiscriminately."

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.

Next Thursday evening the Ladies' Aid
society give an entertainment at the
church.

There were 450 at Sunday school yester-
day.
The plate collection at the morning ser-
vice for the W. H. M. S. was \$15. The
W. F. M. S. meets Thursday with Mrs.
Tait, 641 North Jackson.

Bishop Bowman, who dedicated the
church, will visit the church in May and
spend a Sunday with it.

CHURCH NOTES.

George P. Kahole, a student of the
Lutheran Theological college at Chicago,
preached both in the morning and even-
ing at the First English Lutheran church
Sunday.

At Grace Methodist church Sunday
morning a thank offering service was held
by the mission society. There was an
address by Rev. W. F. Gilmore, the pas-
tor.

Rev. W. H. Prestley preached at the
Congregational church, Sunday morning
and evening.

A gospel temperance meeting was held
Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the
members of the W. C. T. U., at their
rooms in the Roberts and Green building.
There was an address by Rev. M. B.
Spray, of the U. B. church and music was
rendered by the choir of the Cumberland
Presbyterian church.

The members of Miss Olive Bear's class
of the Congregational Sunday school
have formed a class club for the purpose
of building up the interest in the Sunday
school work. Officers have been elected
and the class will meet once a month.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 28

Wheat—	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Close.	Yest- erday.
Feb.....	1 01	1 06	1 03	1 04	1 03
May.....	89 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 3/4
July.....	88 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	88 3/4	88 3/4
Oct.....	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	87 3/4	87 3/4
Jan.....	86 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	86 3/4	86 3/4
Apr.....	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	85 3/4	85 3/4
Jul.....	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 3/4	84 3/4
Oct.....	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	83 3/4	83 3/4
Jan.....	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	82 3/4	82 3/4
Apr.....	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 3/4	81 3/4
Jul.....	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 3/4	80 3/4
Oct.....	79 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	79 3/4	79 3/4
Jan.....	78 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2	78 3/4	78 3/4
Apr.....	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 3/4	77 3/4
Jul.....	76 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 3/4	76 3/4
Oct.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 3/4	75 3/4
Jan.....	74 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 3/4
Apr.....	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	73 3/4	73 3/4
Jul.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	72 3/4	72 3/4
Oct.....	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	71 3/4	71 3/4
Jan.....	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 3/4	70 3/4
Apr.....	69 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 3/4	69 3/4
Jul.....	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 3/4	68 3/4
Oct.....	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 3/4	67 3/4
Jan.....	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	66 3/4	66 3/4
Apr.....	65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 3/4
Jul.....	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 3/4	64 3/4
Oct.....	63 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	63 3/4	63 3/4
Jan.....	62 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	62 3/4	62 3/4
Apr.....	61 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	61 3/4	61 3/4
Jul.....	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4	60 3/4
Oct.....	59 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	59 3/4	59 3/4
Jan.....	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 3/4	58 3/4
Apr.....	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 3/4	57 3/4
Jul.....	56 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 3/4	56 3/4
Oct.....	55 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	55 3/4	55 3/4
Jan.....	54 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	54 3/4	54 3/4
Apr.....	53 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	53 3/4	53 3/4
Jul.....	52 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	52 3/4	52 3/4
Oct.....	51 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 3/4	51 3/4
Jan.....	50 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 3/4	50 3/4
Apr.....	49 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 3/4	49 3/4
Jul.....	48 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 3/4
Oct.....	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 3/4	47 3/4
Jan.....	46 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4
Apr.....	45 1/2	46 1/2	45 1/2	45 3/4	45 3/4
Jul.....	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	44 3/4	44 3/4
Oct.....	43 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	43 3/4	43 3/4
Jan.....	42 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 3/4	42 3/4
Apr.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 3/4	41 3/4
Jul.....	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	40 3/4	40 3/4
Oct.....	39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 3/4	39 3/4
Jan.....	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 3/4	38 3/4
Apr.....	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 3/4	37 3/4
Jul.....	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 3/4	36 3/4
Oct.....	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 3/4	35 3/4
Jan.....	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 3/4	34 3/4
Apr.....	33 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	33 3/4	33 3/4
Jul.....	32 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 3/4	32 3/4
Oct.....	31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 3/4	31 3/4
Jan.....	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4
Apr.....	29 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/2	29 3/4	29 3/4
Jul.....	28 1/2	29 1/2	28 1/2	28 3/4	28 3/4
Oct.....	27 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 3/4	27 3/4
Jan.....	26 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2	26 3/4	26 3/4
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Jul.....	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 3/4	20 3/4
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Jan.....	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 3/4	18 3/4
Apr.....	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 3/4
Jul.....	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 3/4
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Jan.....	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	14 3/4	14 3/4
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Jul.....	12 1/2	13 1/2	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 3/4
Oct.....	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 3/4
Jan.....	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 3/4
Apr.....	9 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 3/4
Jul.....	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 3/4
Oct.....	7 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	7 3/4	7 3/4
Jan.....	6 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2	6 3/4	6 3/4
Apr.....	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 3/4
Jul.....	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	4 3/4	4 3/4
Oct.....	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	3 3/4
Jan.....	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	2 3/4	2 3/4
Apr.....	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1 3/4
Jul.....	1/2	1 1/2	1/2	3/4	3/4

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.
Wheat—131; Estimated, 65; a year ago, 25
Oats—107; Estimated, 80; a year ago, 37
Corn—402; Estimated, 405; a year ago, 220.
Estimated for To-Morrow.
Wheat, 110; Corn, 105; Oats, 47.

Hogs.
Hog receipts, 35,000. Estimated, 31,000.
Market steady.
Light, \$3.50@3.60; Mixed, \$3.50@3.60;
Heavy, \$3.50@3.60; Rough, \$3.50@3.60.
Estimated for To-morrow, 25,000.

Cattle.
Cattle receipts, 14,500. Market strong, 10c
higher.

How to Look Good.
Good looks are really more than skin
deep, depending entirely on a healthy
condition of all the vital organs. If the
liver be inactive, you have a bilious look;
if your stomach be disordered, you have
a dispirited; if your kidneys be affected,
you have a pinched look. Secure good
health, and you will surely have good
looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Altera-
tive and Tonic. Acts directly on the
stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies
the blood, cures pimples, blotches and
boils, and gives a good complexion.
Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at J. E.
King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores,
60 cents per bottle.

FAMOUS DRUM HORSES.

Many of Them Have Been in Service
for a Long Time.

The English love their old drum
horses, and in the jubilee procession
many of the most noted took part. The
drum horse of the Seventeenth lancers
is of interest, for he, together with his
rider, has been in service 20 years, and
will be one of the greatest attrac-
tions in Canada for lovers of art. When
completed it will cost about \$100,000.

Sales of Real Estate.

Edward L. Martin to L. Meyerstein,
lots 7 and 15 in the northwest quarter of
the northwest quarter of 2, 18, 2 one, ex-
cept 80 feet off the north side of lot 7;
\$1500.

Labon Chambers to Josie Belle Peck,
the northwest quarter of the northwest
quarter of the southeast quarter of 17, 17,

Spring Hats.

We are showing the new spring blocks in all dimensions in Stiff Hats. We are the celebrated "Langley" and in Blacks, Seal Browns, French Sables, and Otter.

As we are the "Long-Enquirer" crown, Sable and Pearl. Many of them new under brims, the under side being of a different color from the hat.

Dressers
Will find much to interest them in our Hat Stock.

NE CLOTHING CO.,
N. Water St., Next to Bradley Bros.

PLY
account of the Change of location to
East Main St.,
have decided to make attractive
on all New, Stylish and En-
ly Reliable Footwear for
ing.

THIS CUT
Represents our Ladies' Fine Vici, best Silk Vesting Top,
For \$2.00.

Is attention to Shoes, made leather, hand to date in better than shoes, and equal at \$5.00 in 400 pairs sold nothing but anyone.

have visited and purchased in Powers' ment since its opening. A complete shoes at much below the market

connected with any other shoe store in Decatur store on East Main street is absolutely my e of business.

W. W. POWERS.



Freeman Bros.,

150 MERCHANT ST.

Have the finest line of

SPRING AND SUMMER SHOES

In the city. Have all colors, sizes and widths.

We are sole agents in Decatur for
"SOROSIS"
the new shoe for women.

POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

J. F. GIVEN, Manager.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3.

First Engagement of Chas. E. Blaney's Big Success.

"A Boy Wanted."



FUN, ALL FUN.
YOU LAUGH, AND I LAUGH.
A Company of 25 People—
—2 Big Shows In It.

POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

J. F. GIVEN, Manager.

ONE NIGHT.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.

A NIGHT OF JOY.

Pulse of New York

MOTTO—"BUILT TO AMUSE."

12 Big Specialties.

A Cast of Comedy Stars.
If You Can't Laugh
Don't Come.

—PRICES—25c, 50c, and 75c—
Reserved Seats at Opera House Drug Store

Prize or Receiving Day:
Audience Rotolla, 10 a. m. to 12.
Boston, 2 to 5 p. m.
Francis Fischer Powers, New York, 7 to 9 p. m.

Elizabeth Knieper-Bunn

Teacher of **VOICE CULTURE**

And the **ART OF SINGING** Italian Method.

STUDIO:

Room 414, Powers' Building.

PIES!

If your mother made good pies you can not get the kind she made at Johnson's Bakery. He makes a great deal better pies than most women, he uses care all the time and only the best materials. Pies made at Johnson's are wholesome and palatable. He makes Mince, Apple, Peach, A. West Blackberry, Raspberry, Lemon, Coconut, Pumpkin Pies.

All at 10c each, Except Mince, which is 13c, or 2 for 25c. Also every kind of cookery imaginable.

JOHNSON'S,

253 NORTH MAIN.

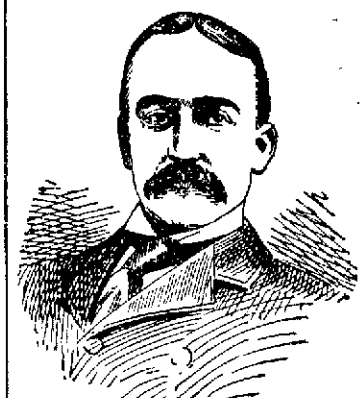
LOST OR STOLEN—A Yorkshire terrier dog, 1 year old, white with black spots, answers to name of "Jack". The No. 1. Disappeared Feb. 1 day evening, Feb. 18. Will pay suitable reward for return to above number. 78-66

Dr. Payne of Tusculum has bought Mrs. E. Meikle's residence for \$11,000.

JUDGE L. E. M'COMAS.

Elected by Maryland's Legislature to Succeed Senator Gorman.

Louis Emory McComas was born in Washington county, Maryland, and is 51 years old. He graduated from Dickinson college, and was admitted to the bar soon after reaching his majority. He began his political career in 1870, when, at the age of 30, he was the republican candidate for congress in the Sixth district, and was defeated by William Walsh by only 14 votes. As a candidate for the Forty-eighth congress McComas was successful, and he was reelected for three successive terms thereafter. During that time he was



LOUIS EMORY M'COMAS.
(United States Senator-Elect from Maryland.)

the only republican congressman from Maryland.

In the eight years he served in congress Mr. McComas made a good record as an industrious and efficient member. His support of the force bill was largely responsible for his second defeat. In the presidential campaign of 1892 he was secretary of the national republican committee. Shortly after the election of that year President Harrison, who, like President McKinley, is a warm personal friend, appointed him to the bench of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

From a political standpoint the elevation of Judge McComas is believed to be the retirement of Senator Wellington as the leader of his party in Maryland. For years it has been a bitter fight between them for supremacy. Judge McComas is an original McKinley man, and to him undoubtedly will McKinley intrust his political interests in Maryland, should he decide to become a candidate for reelection. Senator Wellington has taken no part in the fight just ended. He endorsed McComas' candidacy because he knew that the judge was a close personal friend of the president, and also because the sentiment of republicans throughout the state was favorable to him.

ELECTRIC DEATH MASK.

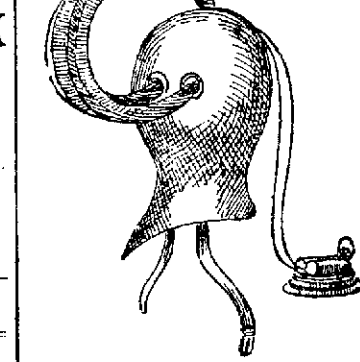
Its Inventor Hopes That It Will Supplant the Guillotine.

Prof. Esclapart, the editor of Le Monde Scientifique, in Paris, has invented a wonderful man-killing machine, which he thinks will ultimately do away with the blood-stained and horrifying guillotine.

Although the death is effected by means of electricity, it is not altogether bloodless. The electrical part of the device is used simply for the purpose of pulling the trigger, so to speak, and setting the death-dealing machine to work.

Imagine a diver's helmet made without a visor. It is round and smooth and comes down to the breast and the back of the neck and fastens under the chin with a heavy strap.

In front, in a position corresponding to the inner corner of each eye, there



ELECTRIC DEATH MASK.
(It May Supplant the Guillotine in France.)

is a small slot or hole. On top of the helmet there is a rod curving in front and ending just opposite the eye holes.

The wires for the electrical circuit run through this tube. At the end of the tube are two cartridge-like arrangements containing two very slender and exceedingly sharp-pointed needles.

Neither cartridges nor needles are to be seen before the machine is used. Being movable, they are pressed back and set on a hair trigger ready to dart forth through the eyes and into the brain of the condemned.

The French inventor claims that such a death is painless, sure and easy, but it is hard to understand how he arrives at his conclusions.

That the needles are quick as an electric current can make them is evident. The machine has been christened "Le Executioner."

After death the helmet is taken from the body and the corpse is seen without any mark of disfigurement.

The Solar Water Heater.

The sunshine of southern California is put to practical use by means of a solar water heater, which is now being largely used in that quarter. It warms water by the sun's rays, and by its use hot water may be had for a bath or other domestic purposes at all hours of the day and night, the invention working automatically. When once fitted the apparatus occasions no expense, and it can be regulated in a fraction of time.

THE DAUNTLESS.

Return of the Courageous Captain and the Crew from Cuba.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 28.—The steamer Dauntless which left Fernandina Sunday night and was supposed to have carried a large cargo of arms and ammunition to Cuba, returned early this morning. As soon as the fact was known the dynamite cruiser Veuve went down the river and escorted her to where she is now anchored. No steps have been taken by the government to seize her.

Russians and Chinese.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 28.—Chinese mandarin at Shanghai have received news from Manchuria that a Russian army of 10,000 troops has crossed the Manchuria frontier near by, and is apparently taking possession of Chinese territory. This intelligence has caused great excitement, for while Russia exercises great influence at Peking, the Chinese masses are opposed to her encroachments. The Tartar general of Tsitsihar province has received permission to raise 3000 Tartar troops, which will watch Russian movements. Arms and ammunition are being rapidly supplied from Kirin and Moukden arsenals. While the provincial authorities are thus arming against Russia, the Peking government is employing Russian officers in the military and customs departments.

The New Corporation.

The business of the consolidated brick making companies of the city will be known as the Decatur Brick company, a name satisfactory to the incorporators. The capital will be \$125,000. Street paving will be resumed as soon as the weather will permit, and millions of brick will be made for shipment to neighboring cities.

THE OLD CAMPUS WELL.

A Midnight Episode at the Michigan Agricultural College.

The well on the campus was almost a sacred thing at the Michigan agricultural college. For a quarter of a century its clumsy chain pump had drawn cool refreshment for the boys. Their long recreation occurred then in the winter, and their severest mental and physical toil was during the days of July and August. The old college pump was therefore in frequent use as the students returned to the dormitory from the fields, or as they passed to and fro from their classes.

But that dear old well became contaminated a few years ago. Chipmunks and rats got into it and drowned. The water was unfit for use. Feeble attempts at cleaning it out availed nothing long. Grieved looks were cast at the old pump, and it was avoided. Soon they changed to looks of hatred. Good water was hard to get. There was a demand for a new well, but the college authorities were slow to act; they merely cleaned the old one out again and said nothing.

The water soon became bad again in spite of the cleaning. A loud murmur arose, to which no attention apparently was paid. Sickness appeared in the dormitories. Excited boys ascribed it to the bad drinking water. They became desperate. The seniors decided on heroic measures.

A dark night came. Twenty boys crept from their rooms and met in a rustic house on the campus. It was midnight. They chose the most daring student for their leader. He sent some to act as sentinels on the roads and walks leading to the college well. Others were detailed to carry cordwood from the pile back of the old dogitory. Two were assigned to the task of taking out the pump and chain. Three procured a spade, an old carpet and some sand and soil.

Presently a long line of dark figures, Indian file, appeared near the old well, each bearing two sticks of wood. The pump had already been removed, and they looked into a deep hole. This well was an ancient landmark. The oldest graduates returned to it affectionately. Thus it seemed like desecration, this that the undergraduates proposed doing, and there was a pause, every one hesitating to be the first to throw in a stick of cordwood. The leader, less sentimental, seized a stick from a more timid youth and plunged it into the hole.

There was no hesitation after that. The well was soon nearly filled with wood. Over the wood the old carpet was placed. On the carpet, the sand was shoveled. Next an excellent piece of sodding was done over the well, and on this one of the lawn signs was placed, asking all to keep off the grass.

The college faculty never disciplined anyone for filling up that college well, although it was known who did it, and this was a confession of fault on the part of the professors. But it was determined to clean the well out once more and give it another trial. A gang of freshmen was sent to do this work, and over them as foreman was one of the seniors who had thrown in the cordwood.

He didn't like the job, but could not safely decline it, and therefore went to work. Setting the freshmen to digging with their spades, he started off, saying:

"Boys, when you get down to the carpet, let me know."

"Say, H—, how did you know there was a carpet down there?" asked Prof. W. J. Deal, the botany teacher, who happened near and heard the order of the foreman.

This was the same member of the faculty who, the morning after the well-filling escapade, was asked what he thought of it, and he replied:

"That's the best piece of sodding by moonlight I have ever seen."—Detroit Free Press.

PERSONAL.

—W. H. Mudd went to Springfield today on business.

—Harry Wood of the Wabash is here from Moberly.

—Miss Laura Jenkins will go to Taylorville next Wednesday to visit friends.

—Gordon Darrow went to Bement and Clinton today on business.

—Mrs. L. R. Turner of Peoria, is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Douglass.

—George Rigney the repair foreman for the Wabash at Forest was in the city today.

—Miss Hattie Drum, who has been visiting friends in the city returned this morning to her home in Cerro Gordo.

—Charles Cassell, chief clerk in the office of the Wabash master mechanic, is ill of typhoid fever.

—Mrs. A. J. Eldridge left today for Chicago, where she will join her daughter and make her home.

—Miss Nannie Truax of Bloomington is in the city visiting Miss Margaret Murphy and other friends.

—E. A. Gastman arrived home Saturday from Chattanooga, Tenn., where he attended the annual convention of the national meeting of the Public School Superintendents. It was a great meeting at which many good points were suggested for the benefit of the schools.

—Mrs. John C. Millsap, Sr., left this afternoon for El Paso, Texas, accompanied by her son, William Millsap, who is in very poor health and goes to Texas in the expectation that the change of climate will be of benefit to him. They will be absent about two months.

THE STAGE.

"BOY WANTED."

Charles E. Blaney's big extravaganza success, "A Boy Wanted," will be at the Grand next Thursday, March 3, and will afford an entertainment said to be the strongest and brightest ever written by that brilliant author whose successes, viz: "The Electrician," "Hired Girl," "A Boy Wanted," "A Railroad Ticket," "A Baggage Check"—are all playing to enormous business. "A Boy Wanted" is filled with brisk action, bright dialogue and situations, singing and dancing. It moves swiftly from one thing to another, and keeps the audience constantly amused. Louis Martelli as the Boy, provides any amount of fun in various ways. The Sutherland Sisters, Miss Revere and Rogers, make a strong quartet of singers and dancers, and with a company of 25 performers, make the largest and strongest farce comedy on tour.

THE PULSE OF NEW YORK.

The offering for Wednesday night, March 3, at the opera house is the farcical "Pulse of New York," a time tried and popular drama. In accordance with the public liking for vaudeville, the management have added the announcement, "Built to Amuse" to this year's production and have liberally supplied specialty features, the second act being entirely devoted to an olio of specialties.

DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER.

Mrs. Mary Moran Hughes Passed Away Sunday Afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Moran Hughes died at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at her home, No. 1967 North Clinton street, aged 67 years. The deceased is well known in this city, having lived here for the past 42 years. She was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1831. She was married in Decatur by the first Catholic priest in the city, Father Crane. Mrs. Hughes had many friends in the city and was a prominent member of St. Patrick's Catholic church. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Maggie Walker of this city, and one brother, Mark Moran of Pueblo, Col.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic church. The services will be conducted by Rev. Father Brady and the burial will be at the Catholic cemetery.

—Dr. C. E. Fisher, a prominent physician of Chicago, ex-president of the American Institute of Homeopathy and editor of the Medical Century, who arrived Saturday for a few days visit to Mr. and Mrs. Evan S. Young, 331 North Edward street, returned to Chicago this morning.

—Mrs. J. M. Wiswell, who has been in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Wagner, for the past three months, left today for her home in Okla. She was accompanied home by her son, Jesse Wiswell, who will visit in the south for about a week.

A Timely Friend.

With perfect propriety may we call that excellent remedy, Salvation Oil, a timely friend. This liniment rapidly cures rheumatism, neuralgia and pains, when other remedies fail. Mr. Jno. M. Hall, Ashland, Va., writes: "I suffered with rheumatism in the ankle and the muscles connected therewith. Salvation Oil at once relieved the soreness, reduced the swelling, and cured the pain. No other liniment that I ever used did me so much good."

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Correct forecasts of Spring's leaders in cloth fashions are now on display. There's something very fascinating to womankind about bright, new, Spring Fabrics and despite the bad weather of last week we had many lookers and buyers. Here's three hints at the pricing. We'll tell you about some others when you come in.

At 42c yd. 40 inch Epingles—beautiful two-toned effects.
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Women's Dress Skirts Three of them —all made of a good quality of Black Figured Brilliantine—in a score or so of pretty spring patterns—cut full—faced with canvas—bound with velveteen—lined with percaline. The description sounds ordinary, but there's good workmanship, good material and good style enough in them to make them quite extraordinary at these low figures—
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100 dozen Ready Made Pillow Cases in two sizes—42x36 and 45x36—are put on sale at—
5 3-4c yd.
2 cases of New Spring Calicoes—standard make—at—
3 1-2c yd.
3 cases of Fine Apron Ginghams—the 5c variety—at—
2 1-2c yd.

Extra Good Cambric Dresses—with tucks and lace yokes—only—
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Three new styles for this spring are—The Gretchen, the Pouch Front, and a Long Blouse affair which is exact copy of a stylish little frock from fashionable Paris. These little dresses are made of Lawn, Nainsook and India Linon and are trimmed with Ribbon, Embroidery and beading lace. Pricing begins at—
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NEW FORM OF CRUELTY.

The Spaniards Have Introduced a New Amusement.

Contests Between Bull and Tiger Are Displacing Madrid's Sunday Bull Fights—They Are Winning Popular Favor Rapidly.

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A fine specimen of the Andalusian fighting bull and an equally formidable royal Bengal tiger fought a duel in the presence of thousands of people in Madrid the other day. Most persons when asked as to the probable victor in such a contest would at once award the palm to the tiger, for his prowess is very great indeed. It happens, however, that the bull was the victor, and the circumstances under which he became so are of much interest.

In Spain the bull fight has become something of an old story—centuries old. It has, therefore, been something of a puzzle to the caterers to public amusement to find some new feature for the weekly festa the novelty of which would cause the dollars to rain down upon the lucky persons who evolved the plan.

The idea that finally won success was the bull-tiger contest. It took place at what is known as the Plaza de Madrid.



THREW THE TIGER ON HIS HORNS.

The tiger, Caesar, was a full-grown animal belonging to an animal trainer named Spessardi. The brute was unusually ferocious—so vicious, indeed, that the trainer had found himself quite unable to master it. Under those circumstances, the tiger's death would not be deplored. While the fact of his ferocity gave him additional value in the eyes of those who wished him to fight.

The director of the plaza had a cage 17 yards square by four in height erected in the middle of the arena. This was to protect the spectators from any unexpected incursions by the tiger, and at the same time gave what was considered an ample field for the combat with the bull. Thousands of people filled the plaza; in truth, it is said that no bull fight in years has attracted so great an audience as this unusual contest.

Presently the bull and the tiger were brought into the arena in vans. Then the tiger's van was backed up so that the rear was at the door of the cage. The doors were opened, and in a second the brute began to run round and round in the inclosure, screaming with rage. Then the bull was ushered in.

For a second the two animals faced one another; then the tiger gave a roar and bounded on the bull, avoiding the horns and fixing both teeth and claws in the bull's jaws and belly. The bull remained still for a few seconds, and seemed to be sinking backwards to the ground. The spectators thought this was the end of it; that the bull had at once succumbed to the tiger's fierce onslaught.

Evidently the tiger thought the day was his, for he released his hold for a second in order to intrench himself more firmly upon his victim. This was just what the bull had been waiting for, and a wild series of plunges followed, the result being that presently the tiger found himself lying flat on his back on the ground.

Before he had opportunity to regain his feet the bull was upon him and sank his horns into the tiger's side. The tiger screamed with pain and rage, as with a hoarse roar the bull tossed the great striped body into the air. Again and again were these tactics repeated, the bull occasionally throwing his adversary's body against the sides of the cage with terrible force before tossing it.

After a little time the tiger ceased to resist or to make a sound, and finally fell to the ground and lay limp and seemingly lifeless. This was a new turn of affairs, and seemed to puzzle the bull, who regarded the tiger with looks of deep suspicion, evidently fearing that he had laid some subtle jungle snare for him. And Caesar was really shaming—when, a moment later, the bull thrust his black muzzle close to the tiger's head, it seemed hardly a second before that muzzle was com-

pressed between the tiger's powerful jaws.

A struggle beside which the others seemed mere play followed. Eventually the bull managed to release himself, after receiving shocking injuries, and stamped upon the tiger in furious fashion. The bull followed the stamping by impaling the tiger on his horns and repeatedly tossing him in the air, varying this performance by banging the tiger's body against the side of the cage.

Once more Caesar became limp and lifeless; but the bull was not to be caught a second time, and gave his foe no opportunity to repeat his previous performance. He battered the tiger until it seemed an absolute impossibility that any life could remain, and then, after a few spiteful kicks and pushes, walked away from the fallen foe and looked out through the bars at the spectators, as much as to say: "You see, I can fight anything and win."

After a few moments of this the cage was opened, the bull rushed out and was goaded back to his stable. Just by way of precaution the tiger's van was backed up to the open door of the cage, although everybody considered it an entirely useless proceeding. What was the amazement of both spectators and attendants when Caesar rose to his feet, glanced around as if afraid that

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The DeWitt county Sunday school officers have decided to hold a series of five institutes, commencing in April.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Argo E. others in Clinton have received 700 tons of ice from Wisconsin.

A Short, Sad, Story.

A Cold, Neglect, Pneumonia, Grief.

Had Foley's Honey and Tar been used this story would have had a happier ending. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

John W. Wichman of Peoria was caught under a pile of falling staves in a cooperage shop and was killed.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L. Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Hagen & Coogan of Lincoln are storing 40 carloads of ice from Wisconsin. Their freight bills will amount to \$200.

The jury in the case of W. H. Garner against the C. & E. J. road for \$20,000 damages, returned a verdict at Danville for \$300.

The novel steam generator of J. H. Knight, an English engineer, consists of a coil of steel tubing heated in a suitable furnace. Irregular steam production and liability to obstruction by deposits from the water are the usual objections to boilers of this kind, but it is claimed that these difficulties are overcome by the use of steel balls, which move freely in the tube for a short distance. This checks the flow of water in the lower coils, causing the steam to come off quietly, while the constant movement clears away all scales.

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Ed. Dugdale, former manager of the Peoria association ball team, has decided to quit the diamond and go to Klondike. At present he is in Minneapolis.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The supreme court has reversed and remanded the case of William Appleton, sentenced from Douglas county for murder. He will be retried at the next term of court.

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We Warrant Our Prices to be Right

That is, we absolutely guarantee them at least as low if not lower—equal all around excellence considered—than can be found anywhere. Our store must stand first in the estimation of the purchasing public.

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Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at
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We have them in Ladies' Vesting Faced Shoes, the NEWEST THING OUT. What we have are seasonable fashions, such as are worn by people of good taste, and at popular prices, too.

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See Prices.

- 1 case Summer Corsets...25c
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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Mr. Without, an old soldier living two miles southwest of Long Creek, is dangerously ill with pneumonia. His friends fear he will not recover.

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Keddick & Koenig. —15-dif

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 28-dif

Miss Dora Fulk, living with her mother and stepfather near Long Creek, is near death with consumption.

Smoke the Little J. 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dif

Mrs. Alice M. Woolington of this city has been granted an original pension and Noah Tobill of Casser has been granted an increase of pension through the agency of M. Shea.

It works easily and quickly. Needs no cooking, will not stick to the iron. Electric Luster Starch in Blue Packages—18-dimo

Dunlap & Co's Spring Styles for 1898 now on sale at Bohon, McReynolds & Co. Feb 25-dif

This week the revival meetings will continue at 7 o'clock every evening at Long Creek church. On Wednesday there will be preaching at 10 a. m. The general assembly of all the Christian people of the churches of that vicinity will be held at 10 a. m. Friday. A special sermon will be preached, probably by Rev. A. G. Bunk of Bethany.

Lenten Facts.

That you are permitted to eat the following: Fresh Trout, White, Red Snapper, Black Bass, Croppie, Cat, Smelt, Codfish, Blue Fish, Scallops, Pickerel, Buffalo, Boned Herring, last but not least those delicacies, Blue Point Shell Oysters, all of which can be had for the asking of Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel. 344, old and new.—23d-1w

Entertainment To-Night.

The members of the Edward Street Christian church will give an entertainment this evening at the church. The first part will consist of musical numbers and the second part will be "Jerusalem's Family Album." Thirty pictures of different generations will be shown, the different characters being portrayed by members of the church. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used for the benefit of the church choir.

Uncle Sam's Pet.

On Saturday, January 1, the Wabash fast government mail train, No. 1, traveled 101 miles in 99 minutes, assuredly a good beginning of the new year. Watch future performances of this great flyer, the fastest mail train in the world and the pet of Uncle Sam.

Are you ready for the question?
Can a railroad operate its trains at a mile a minute clip unless its roadbed, track and rolling stock are of a high standard. "We maintain a high standard." Speed, safety and comfort are all branded "Wabash."

If you intend to make a trip to any part of the world, including the Klondike, communicate with C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent, Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ill.—23-d&w

Republican Convention.

It is probable that a meeting of the Republican central committee for Decatur township will be held about March 12, for the purpose of fixing the date of holding the township nominating convention. There will be a number of candidates for the various offices. Announcements will be made in due time.

PERSONAL TAX NOTICE.

All persons having Personal Tax against them on the tax books for 1897, have been mailed a card stating the amount for the same. You are requested to call at my office and pay the same and save additional costs.

Bring your postal cards with you. Leave your receipts for last year in order to expediate the finding of property.

Office open evenings until 9 o'clock.
LANDY H. MARTIN,
Collector.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about as much as coffee. Price 15 and 25c.

FOUND INSANE

Commission Passes on the Sanity of Clint Brodess.

COMMITTED TO KANKAKEE

Will be Taken There Tonight—Decatur

Inmates are to be Changed April First to Jacksonville.

In the county court today Clint Brodess was tried for his sanity. His condition was bad and he was not brought into court. Judge Hammer appointed a commission composed of Dr. J. T. Miller and Dr. Arthur F. Wilhelmy. They made an examination and reported that they found Mr. Brodess to be insane and the court committed him to the asylum at Kankakee. He will be taken away by the sheriff to-night.

On April first the inmates at Kankakee will be transferred to Jacksonville. A new asylum has been erected and opened at Watertown and 300 of the inmates from Jacksonville will be taken to the new place. This will leave vacancies at Jacksonville and the inmates from this county who are now at Kankakee will be transferred. The quota from this county has been increased from 53 to 61, an increase of nine.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

The circuit court convened again this morning after a recess since Saturday. A motion was made in a case this morning and court then adjourned till this afternoon when the new juryman reported for duty and were excused until tomorrow morning. The \$5000 damage suit of Jack Edwards against the Decatur Cereal Mill company was resumed. The case will probably not be finished until sometime tomorrow. The only entry on the docket today was the following:

The Phoenix Insurance Company, appellant, vs. Lucus Zepp; appeal. Motion by defendant for allowance of costs against plaintiff.

FUNERAL IN LONG CREEK.

Burial of the Late A. W. Heaton on Sunday Last.

The death of Abijah W. Heaton of consumption at Wichita, Kan., last Thursday, the 24th inst., as not an unexpected event, as his health had been failing for several years and he had told for his life twice before, once to McPherson, Kan., and once to Denver, Col. The remains were brought to Decatur on Saturday, accompanied by his bereaved wife and their two foster children. The funeral occurred at the Long Creek M. E. church, of which he was a member, on Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. Rev. A. M. Dancy preached the funeral sermon. A very large congregation assembled to do honor to his memory. The music by the choir and the beautiful floral offerings added much to the impressiveness of the occasion. Mrs. Heaton speaks in the highest terms of the kindness of the friends both at Wichita and at her home in Long Creek for their sympathy to her in the sad bereavement that separated her beloved husband from her.

FEELING IN THE EAST.

Louis Rainey of Lehigh University, Writes of the Excitement There.

Louis Rainey, who is studying electrical engineering at the Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pa., writes to his father in regard to the war feeling in the east. In the letter he says that there is great excitement and everyone is anxious to bear the war news. He mentions the fact that his uncle, Lieutenant Commander E. Niles, of the United States navy, had been sent out on the vessel Leyden in pursuit of a filibustering expedition. Louis says that at the college there are a large number of Cuban students. Recently the students of the college held a war meeting and one of the Cubans, a son of General Sanchez, made a speech and was very enthusiastic about America. The writer says that if war is declared a volunteer company of the engineer students at the college will be formed and their services will be offered.

Mr. Rainey also writes that he has become acquainted with Captain Zalinski, the inventor of a rapid firing gun. He says that Mr. Zalinski is to be placed in charge of the guns at Sandy Hook in the event of war.

The Tabernacle Revival.

The annual revival of the Church Street Christian church is now assuming large proportions. There were three great services Sunday, besides Sunday school and Endeavor meetings. The morning service was one of the most largely attended at this hour in months. Evangelist Combs preached a stirring sermon on "Encouragements and Discouragements." At three o'clock an audience of nearly 1000 ladies only gathered to hear the eloquent evangelist discourse on "Tribulation: Real and Imaginary." He said most of

our troubles are of the latter kind. We worry too much. He pleaded for Christ in the heart, and love and forbearance in the life of every wife and mother.

At 7:30 the big building was packed. People stood in the rear and others went away finding that the seats were all taken. The choir was out in full force and in excellent trim. Among other selections rendered was "Gloria," from Mozart's Twelfth Mass. The great audience sat almost breathless during the rendition of this famous composition from one of the world's greatest masters. By the way, the choir people have recently purchased six very fine portraits of the old masters, whose music they sing, and hung them above the stage. On the left of the baptistry are Handel, Beethoven and Wagner. On the right Haydn, Mozart and Mendelssohn.

Prot. Combs's evening sermon was on "Progress in Religious Reformation," and was the greatest effort of the meeting thus far. It was replete with history, logic and illustration, and was enthusiastically received, the vast audience applauding heartily at one point. Eight persons were added to the church during the day, as follows: Mesdames M. Curtis Jones, Mary Stough and Mary Propst; Misses Grace Klett, Opal Miller, Lizzie Wheeler, Flossie Stringer and Master Willie Jones. There will be services every night this week except Tuesday, when the evangelist will be compelled to give way on account of the March entertainment. There will be afternoon meetings Tuesday and Friday. Already the workers are planning for a great day next Sunday, when there will be six services and a general all around day, when it is hoped that 100 persons or more will decide for the Christian life.

BIG HORSE SALE.

Ed W. Hill and Co. Put Up Some Good Animals at Auction—Good Prices.

Ed Hill and Company held an auction sale of horses and other live stock today at the Smallwood barn on East Prairie street. The sale was largely attended and the animals were knocked down at good prices. Three spans of mules sold for from \$75 to \$150 a span. A number of Jersey cows were disposed of at good prices besides quite a number of second hand vehicles. About 50 head of horses were put up. The best animals brought excellent prices and the way in which the bidding went showed that the horse business is picking up.

The sale was held in the barn which was recently bought out by Frank P. Smallwood. The new owner has made some repairs and improvements in the barn and has prepared to make a specialty of boarding horses.

AMUSEMENTS

At the Grand—Improves with Age.

The Thompson Tots, Stella Mayhew, Wm. A. Long, H. V. Bond, Earl C. Way, Madge Matland, Sidney Earle, Palco Quartet and nine other big features are known from coast to coast as high class entertainers. They will appear here at Powers' opera house next Wednesday night with the time-tried and original "Pulse of New York" company, which will afford Manager Given's clientele one solid night of joy, and anyone attending the "Pulse of New York," who can laugh and won't laugh, will be made to laugh, as this is conceded, now in its seventh year, to be the best laughing show today that travels throughout our glorious United States.

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

J. H. Clokey Trades His Residence and City Property for a Large Farm.

J. H. Clokey has traded his handsome residence on West Prairie avenue and some other city property for a fine farm in Henry county, Ill. Mr. Clokey made the trade with Louis E. Brown of Taylor county. The final arrangements of the deal were made this afternoon. Mr. Clokey gives his residence, five lots in East Park Boulevard and 41 lots in Urban place for a 1163 acre farm in Henry county, located seven miles from Geneseo. The farm is finely improved and is one of the best in the county. The place is now rented. Mr. Clokey has rented from Mr. Brown for the present the residence on Prairie avenue, so that his moving will be a matter of the future. The credit for negotiating the deal is due Mrs. Russell of Decatur, and Mr. Smith of Hopdale.

Died in Chicago.

Mrs. Henrietta Mason McMullin widow of the late banker, James C. McMullin, died at the residence of F. R. McMullin, 724 West Adams street, Chicago, Sunday. Mrs. McMullin was ill for several weeks, but not until a few days ago did her illness take a serious turn. Since recovery was regarded as doubtful the bedside of the invalid was constantly attended by members of the family and intimate friends. The end came peacefully and without pain. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. Theo. Hildebrandt and Mrs. Hale of Decatur.

Cigars.

Try our new Supreme Judge 5 cent cigars, the best in the market.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

The speculators who bull the market often have to bear the losses.

HUNG ON SUNDAY

Wesley Twist a Corpse— Found by His Wife.

SENSATION NEAR LOVINGTON

The Farmer in Financial Trouble— Senator Mason and Family

Partake of Decatur Blended Flour.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, near the town of Lovington, Wesley Twist, a farmer, committed suicide in the garret of his home by hanging himself, leaving a wife and one child. Mrs. Twist left the house at noon to visit a neighbor and returned at 4 o'clock to discover her husband a corpse. Twist was aged about 40 years and was in financial distress.

TRIED THE BLENDED FLOUR

Senator Mason Sends a Note to the Shellabarger Company.

The following letter was received by the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Co. this morning:

United States Senate, Washington, D. C., Feb. 28, 1898. Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Co., Decatur, Ill.

Gentlemen.—The sample of mixed flour was received. It is voted by everybody in the family to be a superior article. It makes as good blount, gums and bread as we ever had on the table.

Very truly yours,
Wm. E. Mason.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Of Organization of Turner Society Held Sunday Night at Turner Hall.

There were a large number of persons present at the Turner hall Sunday evening to attend the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the organization of the local society. The opera house orchestra rendered music and there was a long program of songs and recitations. The president of the society, Frank Reinhardt, made an address in which he gave the history of the society and told of the purpose of the members.

The celebration was an event of considerable importance to the members of the society and those who were present enjoyed the entertainment greatly. There was a recitation and flute solo by Karl Walter, a violin solo by Tom Metz, a recitation by H. F. Schleuter, and a recitation by Henry Metz, besides the music by the orchestra and chorus singing. At the close of the regular program some of the old turners talked of their experience during the early days of the society.

BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL.

Remains of Ernest Skinner Arrived in the City Sunday Night.

The body of the late Ernest Skinner, who died at Ellis, Kan., arrived in the city last night and was taken to the home of his father-in-law, D. L. McGinnis, on East Wood street. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Grace Methodist church. The services will be conducted by Rev. Henry Luon, assisted by Rev. W. F. Gilmore. The burial will be at Greenwood cemetery. The pall bearers will be members of the Sunday school of Grace church of which the deceased was a member.

Wabash Dining Car Service.

Commencing Monday, February 24, the Wabash have arranged for the following dining car service: Train No. 6, leaving Decatur 5:38 a. m., serving breakfast to Lafayette; train No. 5, leaving Lafayette 12:30 p. m., serving dinner to Danville Junction; train No. 4, leaving Danville Junction 1:50 p. m., serving dinner to Lafayette; train No. 7, leaving Lafayette 3:52 p. m., serving supper to Decatur.—26-dlw

Notice.

Regular meeting of Dunham Relief Corps, No. 4, will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. March 1, in G. A. R. hall. By order of Luthera J. Doughlas, President; Chloe A. Murphy, Secretary.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



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WAR NEWS LES

Authorities at War Waiting on Court

THE PEOPLE LEARNING

Dr. Gatling, the Famous Inventor, Believes Torpedo Theory.

And He Gives His Reasons in a Curt Manner.—Paris Journal on the Situation—Key West.

Washington, March 1.—The meeting of the cabinet today at which all members were present, disclosed the fact that the government is still without news of the cause of the Maine disaster. The court of inquiry up to the present time has not intimated in any way the trend of the investigation. The president and cabinet are completely in the dark as to what the evidence so far discloses as on the day after the explosion. The truth of this is vouched for by authority not to be questioned. Nothing is expected from the court until the inquiry is completed and findings sent to the secretary of war; nor has the government any intimation when this will be. The cabinet discussed a number of theories of the explosion, but nothing like a definite conclusion was reached. Another matter considered was the murder of the colored postmaster and child at Lake City.

'Long's Strange Statement.

Following the cabinet meeting today a report was circulated that Secretary of the Navy Long had stated that the element of Spanish responsibility eliminated from incident disaster to the Maine. When asked by the Associated Press representative concerning the alleged statement, he said the expression was of the most casual character, based entirely on his own personal judgment and not from any evidence or information in his possession. He added that his reference to Spain's responsibility was that the question of any official participation by the Spanish government in the destruction of the Maine had become practically eliminated in his judgment.

Later as a means of disposing of all doubt as to the exact nature of the secretary's language he dictated the following statement: "In regard to the Cuban situation I said I thought things were growing quieter every day and as far as my judgment went I was inclined to think that any official participation on the part of the Spanish government in the disaster was now practically eliminated."

Situation at Havana.

Havana, March 1.—A strong breeze is blowing and active preparations continue for the welcome to the Spanish cruiser, the Vizcaya. Senator Proctor, after a visit to Captain General Blanco today, will take a trip to the provinces, probably going west to Pinar del Rio first. No word from the divers today of any work of importance.

Another Day at Key West.

Key West, Fla., March 1.—The second day's session here of the Maine court of inquiry opened shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Most of the officers examined yesterday had been informed that they might be recalled and the officers were all on hand, although it was expected that they would not be examined until the court returns from its second visit to Havana. Groups of enlisted men are also gathered about the door of the court room awaiting their turn to be examined. A good part of the time of the court was devoted to verifying testimony previously given. Following the custom at previous sessions of the court, all witnesses were sworn not to reveal any part of the proceedings of the court. The court